theless persist in seeing the development of character and the virtuous life as the most essential part of the educational process would enhance the excellence of any university. Indeed, such people constitute our best hope for the future.

The modest beginnings of the University of California in Oakland in the 1850s harmonized with the moral and religious overtones of the times. Its Christian founders may also have been convinced that the ultimate purpose of education is a spiritual one. And in my judgment the University of California can never realize its potentials for excellence until it pushes education up to its highest principles to recover its lost sense of the sacred.

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Harpsichord

Triangles, squares, the eminent logical.
No postures here, no faceless dark nuance
to pluck the heartstring's thin and frosted metal.
Angels might thread this proud, this angular dance.

Each bright precise intention,surely poised
thwarting bewilderment, insists, intones
its pure gentilities of grief and joy—
piano, mezzo, forte . . .
These alone,
being firmly struck, dissolve on air again.

This keyboard's harmony but voices Now—
no dissonance, no pedaled-past sustained:

No hazard for the thin, the celibate vow.

—Louise Dauner